

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8559–S8606

Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 4011–4014, and S. Res. 696. **Page S8599**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 2142, To require quarterly performance assessments of Government programs for purposes of assessing agency performance and improvement, and to establish agency performance improvement officers and the Performance Improvement Council, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1275, to establish a National Foundation on Physical Fitness and Sports to carry out activities to support and supplement the mission of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act: Senate passed S. 3199, to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of hearing loss, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Museum and Library Services Act: Senate passed S. 3984, to amend and extend the Museum and Library Services Act.

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Truth in Fur Labeling Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2480, to improve the accuracy of fur product labeling, and the bill was then passed.

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Water Resources Development Act: Senate passed H.R. 6184, to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 to extend and modify the program allowing the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the evaluation of permits.

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Minority Party Committee Appointments: Senate agreed to S. Res. 696, making minority party ap-

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pointments for certain committees for the 111th Congress. **Page S8605**

Impeachment of Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr.: Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, resumed consideration of the articles of impeachment against Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr. of the Eastern District of Louisiana, taking the following action:

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The Senate received the managers appointed by the House of Representatives and Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr. of the Eastern District of Louisiana.

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Senator Kirk was recused from further participation in the impeachment for the reasons stated.

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The President pro tempore administered the impeachment oath to the other newly elected Members of the Senate, and any Member of the Senate who did not take the oath when the articles of impeachment were first exhibited.

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In accordance with impeachment Rule XI, the testimony and other evidence reported by the committee will be considered as having been received and taken before the Senate.

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Subsequently, Senate proceeded to hear argument on the motions.

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Pursuant to Impeachment Rule XX, Senate met in closed session to commence deliberations on the motions and impeachment articles.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate continue consideration of the articles of impeachment against Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr. of the Eastern District of Louisiana, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 8, 2010.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Wednesday, December 8, 2010, upon the conclusion of the impeachment trial, Senate stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair; that upon reconvening, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3991, Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act; and the time until 12:30 p.m., be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; that at 12:30 p.m., Senate stand in recess

until 3:30 p.m., that upon reconvening at 3:30 p.m., there be an additional 30 minutes of debate, divided as specified above; provided further, that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 3991; provided further, that if there are back to back votes with respect to the cloture motions, that there be 4 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, prior to each vote.

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Executive Communications: Pages S8598–99

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: Page S8600

Amendments Submitted:

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Quorum Calls: Two quorum calls were taken today. (Total—7) Pages S8558, S8576

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:01 a.m. and adjourned at 8:17 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 8, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8606.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 3 public bills, H.R. 6496–6498; 1 private bill, H.R. 6499; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 1751, 1753–1754, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Page H8089

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3655, to direct the Federal Trade Commission to establish rules to prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices related to the provision of funeral services, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–672);

H.R. 4501, to require certain return policies from businesses that purchase precious metals from consumers and solicit such transactions through an Internet website, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–673); and

H. Res. 1752, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 111–674). Page H8089

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Farr to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H8035

Recess: The House recessed at 12:50 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H8037

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Runaway Prevention Month: H. Res.

1687, to recognize and support the goals and ideals of National Runaway Prevention Month;

Pages H8039–40

Earl Wilson, Jr. Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 6400, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 North 6th Street in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Earl Wilson, Jr. Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 382 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 608; Pages H8040, H8067

Recognizing the centennial of the City of Lilburn, Georgia: H. Res. 1642, to recognize the centennial of the City of Lilburn, Georgia and to support the goals and ideals of a City of Lilburn Day, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 379 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 609; Pages H8040–42, H8067–68

Recognizing Rotary International for 105 years of service to the world: H. Res. 1727, to recognize Rotary International for 105 years of service to the world and to commend members on their dedication to the mission and principles of their organization;

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Expressing support for the designation of March as National Essential Tremor Awareness Month: H. Res. 1264, to express support for the designation of March as National Essential Tremor Awareness Month, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 387 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 610; Pages H8043–44, H8068–69

Mourning the loss of life and expressing condolences to the families affected by the tragic forest fire in Israel that began on December 2, 2010: H. Res. 1751, to mourn the loss of life and to express

condolences to the families affected by the tragic forest fire in Israel that began on December 2, 2010; **Pages H8056–57**

Congratulating the Baltic nations of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania on the 20th anniversary of the reestablishment of their full independence: H. Con. Res. 267, amended, to congratulate the Baltic nations of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania on the 20th anniversary of the reestablishment of their full independence; and **Pages H8057–58**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Congratulating the Baltic nations of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania on the 20th anniversary of their declarations on the restoration of independence from the Soviet Union.” **Page H8058**

Red Flag Program Clarification Act of 2010: S. 3987, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act with respect to the applicability of identity theft guidelines to creditors. **Pages H8059–60**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:19 p.m. and reconvened at 6 p.m. **Page H8066**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Expressing support for designation of 2011 as “World Veterinary Year”: H. Res. 1531, to express support for designation of 2011 as “World Veterinary Year” to bring attention to and show appreciation for the veterinary profession on its 250th anniversary; **Pages H8044–46**

Honoring the 2500th anniversary of the Battle of Marathon: H. Res. 1704, amended, to honor the 2500th anniversary of the Battle of Marathon; **Pages H8046–47**

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the National Council for International Visitors: H. Res. 1402, amended, to recognize the 50th anniversary of the National Council for International Visitors, and to express support for designation of February 16, 2011, as “Citizen Diplomacy Day”; **Pages H8047–48**

Congratulating imprisoned Chinese democracy advocate Liu Xiaobo on the award of the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize: H. Res. 1717, amended, to congratulate imprisoned Chinese democracy advocate Liu Xiaobo on the award of the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize; **Pages H8049–56**

Supporting the goal of eradicating illicit marijuana cultivation on Federal lands: H. Res. 1540, amended, to support the goal of eradicating illicit marijuana cultivation on Federal lands and to call on the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to develop a coordinated strategy to perma-

nently dismantle Mexican drug trafficking organizations operating on Federal lands; **Pages H8060–62**

Criminal History Background Checks Pilot Extension Act of 2010: S. 3998, to extend the Child Safety Pilot Program; **Pages H8062–64**

Providing for American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas to be treated as States for certain criminal justice programs: H.R. 3353, to provide for American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas to be treated as States for certain criminal justice programs; and **Pages H8064–65**

Access to Criminal History Records for State Sentencing Commissions Act of 2010: H.R. 6412, to amend title 28, United States Code, to require the Attorney General to share criminal records with State sentencing commissions. **Page H8066**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Waters announced her intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Page H8069**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H8038–39.

Senate Referrals: S. 3860 was referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs; S. 124 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; S. 3817 was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor; S. 4010 and S. 1774 were held at the desk. **Page H8058**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8067, H8067–68, and H8068–69. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW LABOR’S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing on a Review of the Independent Audit of the Labor Department’s FY 2010 Consolidated Financial Statements. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Elliott P. Lewis, Assistant Inspector General, Office of Audit, Office of Inspector General; and James L. Taylor, Chief Financial Officer.

SAME-DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 6–3, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day

it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any resolution reported through the legislative day of December 18, 2010. Finally, the rule authorizes the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time through the legislative day of December 18, 2010. The Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this resolution.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, with

the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold joint hearings to examine the efficiency, stability, and integrity of the United States capital markets, 3:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, with the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold joint hearings to examine the efficiency, stability, and integrity of the United States capital markets, 3:30 p.m., SD-538.

House

Committee on Financial Services. hearing entitled "A Proposal to Increase the Offering Limit under SEC Regulation A," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the Western Balkans, focusing on developments in 2010 and hopes for the future, 11 a.m., SVC-202/203.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, will continue consideration of the articles of impeachment against Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr. of the Eastern District of Louisiana, with a live quorum at 9:30 a.m., to be followed by a series of up to 5 roll call votes on the motions and articles of impeachment; following which, Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3991, Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act, with a series of up to 4 roll call votes at approximately 4 p.m.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. for the Democratic caucus meeting.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, December 8

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 5012—Weekends Without Hunger Act; (2) H. Res. 1746—Recognizing the efforts of Welcome Back Veterans; (3) H.R. 5470—To exclude an external power supply for certain security or life safety alarms and surveillance system components from the application of certain energy efficiency standards under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act; (4) H.R. 4501—Guarantee of a Legitimate Deal Act; (5) S. 3789—Social Security Number Protection Act; and (6) H.R. 5987—Seniors Protection Act.

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